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MILLFIELD  
PRE-PREP SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



## SOMERSET DAY

Pre-Prep flew the Somerset flag to celebrate Somerset Day. The children engaged in apple tasting, maypole dancing, wicker crown making, flag designing and listened to music and stories from Somerset. They were also treated to pork rolls, ploughmans and apple cake in the dining room.

Thank you to Barbers Cheese for their kind donation, which gave all the children in Pre-Prep an opportunity to taste different varieties of Cheddar Cheese.



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to this week's Pre-Prep Stars of the Week, who will receive a certificate from Mr Jory:

Pre-School

**Ophelia G**

**Tyler T**

**Margot R**

Year 1

**Hunter B**

**Jack C**

Year 2

**William P**

**Aurelia C**

Reception

**Coco F**

**Sienna A-M**





# SOMERSET CELEBRATIONS

On Monday, King Alfred the Great and a viking came to visit Reception, to help explain about the history surrounding Somerset Day.



The first task Reception class had on Somerset Day was break a code. They found rolled up piles of old paper with some strange writing on it. They thought it could have been from the viking who visited us last night with King Alfred. They thought he must have dropped it when King Alfred chased him away. They found out it said 'I am a Viking'.



The Reception class also got to taste some amazing cheddar cheese and different types of apples. Barbers kindly donated three different strength of cheddar cheeses and we talked about how they tasted and which one we preferred. Some of the face of the children whilst tasting the Vintage was priceless. Thank you Barbers for your kind donation!



## EXCELLENT EGGS

This week the children have certainly led the learning in Pre-School! It began with **Ophelia** very kindly bringing in a variety of eggs to show her friends. There was an egg from a bantam, a chicken, a goose and a Rhea. The children looked on the iPad for images of the birds and thought about describing words when talking about them. They then cracked the Rhea egg to see if it was the same as a chicken egg inside. It was! Everyone was amazed by the size of the yolk. On Monday, **Margot** brought in her yoga mat and demonstrated some yoga positions. This led to us joining in with an online yoga course, which everyone enjoyed. Finally, **Lucca** suggested an idea for a new role-play area, a farm. All his friends voted in favour of the idea and together we created Pre-School farm! It is so important to have the learning led by the children and Pre-School embraces their ideas and interests!





## BUDDING ARTISTS

Year 1 have been learning about another famous artist this week. Maria Sibylla Merian was born in 1647 and was a famous artist. She travelled to South America to study insects and draw them. She was one of the first scientists to discover that caterpillars metamorphose into butterflies or moths, and made the most beautiful paintings to illustrate their life cycles. The children studied some of her paintings and then did one of their own. Super artwork, Year 1!



### PRE-SCHOOL TADPOLES

## FABULOUS FEATHERS

Tyler inspired this week's crafting after he found a feather out on the playground and decided he would like to make a dreamcatcher with it. The Tadpoles worked very hard painting and decorating them and using a big needle to weave the thread across and thread through the pasta to decorate. They look amazing!





# MINIS NEWS



## MINI OLYMPIC PREPARATIONS

Last week, our Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Minis had fun at their own Minis-themed Olympics, despite the wind! They scooped up Olympic coloured spaghetti with tongs and tried tossing it high in the air, printed the Olympic rings, and completed our obstacle course, climbing up and down tyres and over hoops, finishing up on our 1st, 2nd and 3rd podium. The Minis also enjoyed writing letters and stamping their envelopes before posting them into our postbox! After a busy morning, everyone had just enough time to shake their tambourines and bells before singing our goodbye song.